

MAT 202
Larson – Section 8.3
Trigonometric Integrals

In this section we will learn techniques for evaluating integrals of the form:

$$\int \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx \text{ and } \int \sec^m x \tan^n x \, dx$$

where either m or n is a positive integer. The process involves using trigonometric identities so that we can use a u -substitution with the Power Rule.

Recall the following trigonometric identities:

1. Pythagorean Identity:

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x \quad \text{or} \quad \cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$$

2. Power Reducing Identities:

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}$$

Tools for Integrals of the Form: $\int \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx$

1. If $m=2k+1$ (power of sine) is odd and positive, save one sine factor and convert the remaining factors to cosines. Expand and integrate:

$$\int \sin^{2k+1} x \cos^n x \, dx = \int (\sin^2 x)^k \cos^n x \sin x \, dx = \int (1 - \cos^2 x)^k \cos^n x \sin x \, dx$$

2. If $n=2k+1$ (power of cosine) is odd and positive, save one cosine factor and convert the remaining factors to sines. Expand and integrate:

$$\int \sin^m x \cos^{2k+1} x \, dx = \int \sin^m x (\cos^2 x)^k \cos x \, dx = \int \sin^m x (1 - \sin^2 x)^k \cos x \, dx$$

3. If m & n are both even and positive, make repeated use of the identities

$\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2}$ and $\cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}$ to convert the integrand to odd powers of the cosine. Then proceed to (2) above.

Ex: Integrate the following:

a) $\int \sin^3 x \cos^4 x \, dx$

b) $\int \sin^2 \frac{\pi x}{2} \, dx$

c) $\int \cos^3(\pi x - 1) \, dx$

Ex: Integrate the following:

Recall: $\frac{d}{dx} [\sin x] = \cos x$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\cos x] = -\sin x$$

$$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$$

$$\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$$

a) $\int \sin^3 x \cos^4 x dx$

$$= \int \sin^2 x \cdot \cos^4 x \cdot \sin x dx$$

$$= \int (1 - \cos^2 x) \cos^4 x \sin x dx$$

$$= - \int (1 - u^2) u^4 du$$

$$= - \int u^4 - u^6 du$$

$$= - \left[\frac{u^5}{5} - \frac{u^7}{7} \right] + C$$

$$= \boxed{-\frac{\cos^5 x}{5} + \frac{\cos^7 x}{7} + C}$$

$$u = \cos x$$

$$du = -\sin x dx$$

$$-du = \sin x dx$$

$$b) \int \sin^2 \frac{\pi x}{2} dx$$

Power reducing
formula:

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2}$$

$$\int \frac{1 - \cos \left(\frac{2 \cdot \pi x}{2} \right)}{2} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos(\pi x) dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{2} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int \cos \pi x dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} x - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \cos u du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} x - \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin u + C$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} x - \frac{\sin \pi x}{2\pi} + C}$$

$$u = \pi x$$

$$du = \pi dx$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} du = dx$$

$$c) \int \cos^3(\pi x - 1) dx$$
$$u = \sin(\pi x - 1)$$
$$du = \pi \cos(\pi x - 1) dx$$
$$\frac{1}{\pi} du = \cos(\pi x - 1) dx$$

$$\int \cos^2(\pi x - 1) \cdot \cos(\pi x - 1) dx$$

Pythagorean Identity

$$\int (1 - \sin^2(\pi x - 1)) \cos(\pi x - 1) dx$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int (1 - u^2) du$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \left[u - \frac{u^3}{3} \right] + C$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \left[\sin(\pi x - 1) - \frac{\sin^3(\pi x - 1)}{3} \right] + C$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{\pi} \sin(\pi x - 1) - \frac{\sin^3(\pi x - 1)}{3\pi} + C}$$

Recall the following trigonometric identities involving sec & tan:

1. Quotient Identity:

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

2. Reciprocal Identity:

$$\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

3. Pythagorean Identity:

$$1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x \quad \text{or} \quad \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x - 1$$

Tools for Integrals of the Form: $\int \sec^m x \tan^n x \, dx$

1. If $m=2k$ (power of secant) is even and positive, save a secant squared factor and convert the remaining factors to tangents. Expand and integrate:

$$\int \sec^{2k} x \tan^n x \, dx = \int (\sec^2 x)^{k-1} \tan^n x \sec^2 x \, dx = \int (1 + \tan^2 x)^{k-1} \tan^n x \sec^2 x \, dx$$

2. If $n=2k+1$ (power of tangent) is odd and positive, save a secant-tangent factor and convert the remaining factors to secants. Expand and integrate:

$$\int \sec^m x \tan^{2k+1} x \, dx = \int \sec^{m-1} x (\tan^2 x)^k \sec x \tan x \, dx = \int \sec^{m-1} x (\sec^2 x - 1)^k \sec x \tan x \, dx$$

3. When there are no secant factors and the $n = 2k$ (power of tangent) is even and positive, convert a tangent-squared factor to a secant-squared factor, then expand and repeat if necessary.

$$\int \tan^n x \, dx = \int \tan^{n-2} x (\tan^2 x) \, dx = \int \tan^{n-2} x (\sec^2 x - 1) \, dx$$

4. When the integral is of the form $\int \sec^m x \, dx$ where $m = 2k + 1$ (power of secant) is odd and positive, use ***integration by parts***.

5. When none of the first four guidelines applies, try converting to sines and cosines. Follow the guidelines for sines & cosines.

Ex: Integrate the following:

a) $\int \frac{\tan^3 x}{\sqrt{\sec x}} dx$

b) $\int \sec^4 2x dx$

c) $\int \tan^3 2x \sec^3 2x dx$

d) $\int \frac{\tan^2 x}{\sec^5 x} dx$

Note: In this section, we will skip Wallis's Formulas & integrals involving product to sum formulas

Ex: Integrate the following:

Recall:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\tan x] = \sec^2 x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sec x] = \sec x \tan x$$

$$1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$$

a) $\int \frac{\tan^3 x}{\sqrt{\sec x}} dx$

$$\int \sec^{-1/2} x \cdot \tan^3 x dx$$

$$\int \sec^{-1/2} x \cdot \tan^2 x \cdot \tan x dx$$

$$\int \sec^{-1/2} x (\sec^2 x - 1) \tan x dx$$

$$\int \frac{\sec^{-1/2} x (\sec^2 x - 1) \sec x \tan x}{\sec x} dx$$

$$\int \sec^{-3/2} x (\sec^2 x - 1) \sec x \tan x dx$$

$$u = \sec x$$

$$du = \sec x \tan x dx$$

$$\int u^{-3/2} (u^2 - 1) du$$

$$\int u^{1/2} - u^{-3/2} du$$

$$\frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} + 2 u^{-1/2} + C$$

$$\boxed{\frac{2}{3} \sec^{3/2} x + 2 \sec^{-1/2} x + C}$$

$$b) \int \sec^4 2x \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^2 2x \cdot \sec^2 2x \, dx$$

$$\int (1 + \tan^2 2x) \sec^2 2x \, dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int (1 + u^2) \, du$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[u + \frac{u^3}{3} \right] + C$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2} \tan 2x + \frac{1}{6} \tan^3 2x + C}$$

$$u = \tan 2x$$

$$du = 2 \sec^2 2x \, dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} du = \sec^2 2x \, dx$$

$$c) \int \tan^3 2x \sec^3 2x dx$$

$$\int \tan^2 2x \sec^2 2x \sec 2x \tan 2x dx$$

$$\int (\sec^2 2x - 1) \sec^2 2x \sec 2x \tan 2x dx$$

$$u = \sec 2x$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int (u^2 - 1) u^2 du$$

$$du = 2 \sec 2x \tan 2x dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} du = \sec 2x \tan 2x dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int u^4 - u^2 du$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{u^5}{5} - \frac{u^3}{3} \right] + C$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{10} \sec^5 2x - \frac{1}{6} \sec^3 2x + C}$$

$$d) \int \frac{\tan^2 x}{\sec^5 x} dx$$

$$\int \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cancel{\cos^2 x}} \cdot \cos^{\cancel{2}^3} x dx$$

$$u = \sin x$$

$$du = \cos x dx$$

$$\int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \cos x dx$$

$$\int \sin^2 x (1 - \sin^2 x) \cos x dx$$

$$\int u^2 (1 - u^2) du$$

$$= \frac{u^3}{3} - \frac{u^5}{5} + C$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{\sin^3 x}{3} - \frac{\sin^5 x}{5} + C}$$